

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An electrical connector, comprising:

an elongated dielectric housing comprising a base and a mating portion, the mating portion comprising a pair of sidewalls extending generally in a longitudinal direction thereof and a pair of end walls extending generally in a lateral direction thereof;

a plurality of terminals received in the insulative housing; and

a pair of shields enclosing the mating portion, each of the shields comprising a flat body attached to one of the sidewalls and a wing attached to one of the end walls; wherein

the housing comprises a plurality of spaced notches in the sidewalls and the end walls, and wherein each of shields comprises a plurality of spaced latches extending inwardly and downwardly from the flat body thereof and the wings and engaging with the notches of the sidewalls and the end walls; wherein

the base defines a plurality of slots and wherein the flat body and the wings comprise bottom edges received in the slots, respectively; wherein

the wing comprises a grounding tail extending downwardly through the base and beyond the housing; wherein

the pair of end walls and the pair of sidewalls together define a continuous slit extending downwardly from a top thereof and wherein the flat body and the wings are received in the slit of the sidewall and end wall; wherein

the housing defines a pair of spaced trenches on outside surfaces of the sidewalls, respectively, and communicating with the slit of the sidewall and wherein each of the shields comprises a pair of connect portions received in the trenches; wherein

the sidewalls define a plurality of grooves of inside surface thereof and communicating with the slit of the sidewalls and wherein each of the shields comprises a plurality of engage portions exposed in the groove of the sidewall; wherein

the housing comprises a split extending downwardly through the base and communicating with the trench, and wherein each of the shields comprises a grounding tail received in the split.

2. (original) The electrical connector of claim 1, wherein the wings of the shields join to each other to form a closed loop between the shields.

3. (currently amended) The electrical connector of claim 1, wherein each of the shields comprises a plurality of spring tabs extending outwardly from the flat body.

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